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a shaft; and,

a positioning assembly secured *within* said housing, said positioning assembly including: a first motor operable to rotate said housing in a first plane with respect to said shaft, and a second motor operable to pivot said housing in a second plane with respect to said shaft.

Grosswiller does not expressly or inherently describe a searchlight device having a lamp and a positioning assembly within a housing as presently called for in claim 1. Grosswiller describes a spotlight 11 made up of a reflector 13 and a lamp 55 housed under a transmissive dome 21, which are supported on a base 19 that contains the elements that the examiner states is a "positioning assembly."

Claims 2-4, 6-8 and 11-13 distinguish over Grosswiller by virtue of their direct or indirect dependence on claim 1.

In view of these amendments and arguments, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC 102 (b) is respectfully urged.

The proposed drawing corrections relocate the reference arrow indications for reference character "95" in FIGS. 2 and 3 so that the arrows correctly identify the snap ring element. All corrections have been made in red ink.

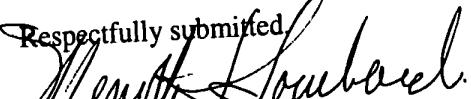
The specification has been amended to correct a grammatical error.

It is respectfully submitted that all outstanding issues have been addressed herein and that claims 1-19 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

No fee is believed to be due as a result of this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. Deposit Account No. 09-0949.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following marked-up paragraph and claim correspond to the replacement paragraph and claim of this amendment.

First complete paragraph on page 5:

Referring now to Figures 2 and 3, therein are illustrated first and second isometric views of a support pivot mechanism assembly or apparatus 60 suitable for use with the searchlight 10 and controller 20 of Figure 1. Referring now also to Figure 4, the support pivot mechanism assembly 60 of Figures 2 and 3 is secured within the cylindrical housing portion 32. The assembly 60 includes first and second motors 65, 80. The motor 65 has a 10-toothed fixed gear 70 positioned on the motor shaft thereof, which engages a 23-toothed section gear 75 in an upward and downward direction, on one axis. The second motor 80 of the assembly 60 drives a 10-toothed fixed gear 85 positioned on the motor shaft thereof, which drives against an 82-toothed fixed gear 90 secured to a pivot shaft 100 with a snap ring 95. This preferably enables horizontal[ly] rotation of the housing 32 for 380-degrees on an axis that perpendicularly intersects the upward-downward axis of the gear 75 with respect to the pivot shaft 100. These motors 65, 80 are fixed with fasteners such as, screws, to a vertical pivot post 110 and a horizontal support assembly 120, respectively. The section gear is fixed with respect to the vertical pivot post 110, and the gear 90 is fixed with respect to the shaft 100.

1.(AMENDED) A searchlight device comprising:

a housing including a first end;

a window in the first end of said housing;

a lamp disposed within said housing so as to emit light through said window;

a shaft; and,

a positioning assembly secured [to] within said housing, said positioning assembly including: a first motor operable to rotate said housing in a first plane with respect to said shaft, and a second motor operable to pivot said housing in a second plane with respect to said shaft.